

Project Snapshot:

# BOCAS SCHOOL PROJECT

**Location:** Bocas del Toro, Panama  
**Partner:** One World Children's Fund  
**Partner Website:** [www.oneworldchildrensfund.org](http://www.oneworldchildrensfund.org)

## Summary of project:

The indigenous Ngobe-Bugle Indians live on the islands of the archipelago of Bocas del Toro, Panama, where many schools lack running water, electricity, and sanitation facilities. Children are often malnourished and may not be able to attend schools beyond the fourth grade. The aim of the Bocas School Project is to provide quality education to these underserved children and to build the capacities of their schools. The project supports four indigenous schools in the Bocas area with a total of 429 students.

Although tourism in the Bocas area has brought about some jobs it also caused a rise in the cost of living for these locals. Foods that community members relied on such as rice and beans, are now unaffordable and still there has been little improvement in basic sanitation, access to clean water, quality education and medical care in the Bocas area. The increase of new residents has created challenges to the Ngobe peoples' way of life.

## Funds for the project:

All funds will support the four indigenous school in the Boca School Project.

**\$20** will buy a uniform for one child so he/she can go to school.

**\$50** will buy a healthy meal for one child for a year.

**\$100** will pay a teacher's salary for a week.

**"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."**

*Desmond Tutu*



## Panama Info:

**Population:** 3,410,676

*(compared to USA's 310M)*

**20**

islets, 52 keys, and 9 islands make up The Bocas del Toro Archipelago

**29**

% of the population lives below the pov-

**50**

% of children under 5 years old live in poverty, with 30% living in extreme poverty

Source: CIA World Factbook and UNICEF.org

